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SUBJECT: (C) KUDOS AND FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS ON OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHP) (C-RE9-01066)

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[1](#)1. (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATE THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON THE JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AKP) AND OPPOSITION BEFORE AND AFTER LOCAL ELECTIONS PROVIDED BY EMBASSY ANKARA. ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS POSTS COULD PROVIDE REGARDING THE OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CHP), AS TIME AND RESOURCE PERMIT. MANY THANKS AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

[1](#)A. (U) INTERNAL CHP ISSUES:

1) (SBU) WHAT IS THE OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN CHP'S STRATEGY AFTER THE LOCAL ELECTION? WHAT FUTURE PLANS, IF ANY, DOES IT HAVE TO EXPAND ITS BASE?

2) (SBU) WHAT IS THE CHP'S POSTURE TOWARDS THE US AFTER POTUS'S APRIL VISIT?

3) (SBU) ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR AN EARLY CHP PARTY CONGRESS?

4) (C) WHAT IS CHP LEADER DENIZ BAYKAL'S HOLD ON THE PARTY? ARE THERE ANY POSSIBLE THREATS TO BAYKAL'S LEADERSHIP INTERNALLY? IF SO, ARE THERE ANY?

5) (C) WHAT IS BAYKAL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CHP PARLIAMENTARY WHIP KEMAL KILICDAROGLU? HOW DOES THE CHP VIEW KILICDAROGLU'S ELECTION RESULT IN THE PARLIAMENT?

6) (SBU) WHO WITHIN THE PARTY TAKES THE LEAD ON DEVELOPING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PARTY POLICY, SUCH AS KURDISH OUTREACH, THE ECONOMY, AND/OR LABOR RELATIONS?

7) (C) WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON KILICDAROGLU'S PROSPECTS IN CHP, HIS BACKGROUND, AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL PLANS. WHO ARE HIS POLITICAL ALLIES? WHO ARE OTHER CREDIBLE POTENTIAL ALLIES?

8) (SBU) WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF CHP'S RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION.

[1](#)B. (U) CHP AND OTHERS:

1) (SBU) WHAT IS THE AKP'S VIEW OF CHP'S LOCAL ELECTION RESULT?

2) (C) WHAT ARE THE CHP'S PLANS TO COUNTER THE AKP GOVERNMENT? HOW MUCH EFFORT IS THE PARTY EXPENDING TO DEVELOP POLICY, VIS-A-VIS OTHER MECHANISMS TO COMBAT AKP, SUCH AS REFERRING LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION?

3) (C) WHAT IS CHP'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TGS? HAS IT CHANGED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS? IF SO, WHAT SPARKED THE CHANGE?

4) (SBU) WHAT IS THE CHP'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DSP, DTP, AND MHP?

[1](#)2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-RE9-01066 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. CLINTON